

**Department of Toxic Substances Control**  
**Project Status Update**  
**for**  
**Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site**  
**April 4, 2005**

**SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP**

- DTSC has approved the Final Remedial Investigation (RI) Workplan and told Wyle to begin the sampling described in the Workplan. The RI Workplan, dated March 18, 2005, provides a detailed plan for sampling the soil gas, soil, surface water, and groundwater on and around the Wyle Labs site. The purpose of this Remedial Investigation is to define the nature and extent of Wyle-related contamination, both onsite and in the surrounding community. Field activities are expected to begin during the week of April 11. The first sampling planned is soil gas testing in the yard and around the foundation of the home at Third Street and Hillside Avenue where the chemical TCE (trichloroethene) was found in a private well. Also included will be soil gas tests in the yards at four or five residences near the corner of Third and Hillside. These homes are nearest the two spots where slightly elevated levels of TCE were found in soil gas samples taken in January of this year. This “step-out” sampling is intended to determine how far the soil gas contamination extends off the northwest corner of the Wyle property. Before sampling any private property we request written permission from the owners.

**CONTINUING ACTIVITY**

- We have completed our review and are preparing comments on the proposed cleanup plan for the groundwater and soil vapors in the offsite area northwest of the Wyle property (primarily Golden West Lane, Hillside Avenue, and Third Street). The plan, called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW), presents and evaluates various cleanup options that will reduce the potential exposure to residents from TCE, perchlorate, and other contaminants that have migrated into that area. The cleanup in this northwest area will be only one part of the overall cleanup of contamination on and around the Wyle property. We will solicit public input, during a formal 30-day public comment period, before making a final decision on the cleanup plan. The RAW is available for review at the information repositories.
- Results should be available within a week for the private well we sampled on First Street and for the five reported “seeps” (areas where water appears to be flowing up from below ground and causing runoff, which may indicate groundwater coming to the surface) we sampled along Hillside Avenue and Third Street. This sampling was done on March 24 and March 25. Seep sampling locations were based on our evaluation of information provided by a City Council member and the City of Norco’s consultant, and on our site inspection.
- Our review of the cleanup of chemical vapors from inside the home on Golden West Lane where TCE and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were found

in the indoor air shows that the cleanup is successfully clearing the vapors from inside the home. The document describing this cleanup is the "Technical Memorandum (TM) Summarizing Results of Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Sampling and Mitigation Activities, and Scope of Work for Additional IAQ Sampling in Northwest Area." The cleanup included installing a new ventilation system to clear the vapors out of the indoor air. The TM also describes the proposed continued monitoring of the home. DTSC will provide comments on the TM this week.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- DTSC is arranging to meet with an informal working group made up of representatives from the City, County, State, and Community Advisory Group (CAG) to prepare for a public meeting on April 26, 2005 at the Learning Center South meeting room at the Corona-Norco Unified School District office in Norco. The purpose of the public meeting is to update the community on the Wyle project. The agenda will include the latest sampling results from groundwater, soil gas, and private wells; the progress of the investigation and cleanup plans for the Golden West Lane/Hillside Avenue/Third Street area northwest of the site; the fracture analysis to look for groundwater pathways; and other recent activities and plans. Representatives from the informal interagency working group will also be participating. We will send out a notice with further details by mid-April.
- We are preparing a fact sheet for distribution this month that will describe the latest sampling results and the progress of the investigation. The fact sheet will be mailed out before the April 26 public meeting.
- DTSC has expanded the Wyle project mailing list to a 1-mile radius of the site, due to the increased interest in the community. This list will have approximately 7,000 addresses. The previous list extended to ¼ mile around the Wyle site.